IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, please insert the following paragraph before the FIELD OF THE INVENTION heading:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a continuation of and claims the benefit of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/754,666, now U.S. Patent 6,057,886, which is incorporated herein by reference.--

On page 5, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 14 as follows:

--Fig.4 shows a flowchart of processing steps carried out by the transmitter of Fig.[[1]]2. In a step **40**, an initial plurality of data items to be transmitted are generated in editing terminal **11** (Fig.2). Each data item comprises data elements defining a television programme to be broadcast such as start time, stop time, broadcaster station, programme title, etc. In a step **41**, the processor orders the data items in an ascending sequence as a function of start time and adds an identifier i to each data item. The identifier is, for example, a 16-bit number. The numbers are assigned in numerical order, the value $i=k_1$ being assigned to the first programme to be broadcast and the value $i=k_2$ to the last programme. In practice, the value k_1 will initially be 0. However, this is not essential. In a step **42**, the processor generates the field F comprising two 16-bits subfields and stores said field in the memory. The first subfield is given the value k_1, the second subfield is given the value k_2.--